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A Message from Farmworker Health Network (FHN)

The **Farmworker Health Network (FHN)** is comprised of six National Cooperative Agreements in agricultural worker health funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide training and technical assistance to current and potential Health Centers. The FHN includes: the *National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)*, *Health Outreach Partners (HOP)*, *Farmworker Justice (FJ)*, *MHP Salud*, *Migrant Clinician's Network (MCN)*, and the *National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH)*. The FHN stands with everyone impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), especially health providers and patients from special and vulnerable populations. In a consolidated effort to bring to you the latest updates, the FHN will be sending out this biweekly email with resources and information to keep you informed and assist you in continuing to serve your patient population. Information related to this pandemic changes daily, so we also encourage you to visit the [CDC's website](#) for additional updates that may impact your specific service areas.

Resources

How to Properly Use a Face Covering - Bilingual Resource



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all individuals wear a face covering to help slow the spread of the virus while out in public. This infographic provides advice on how to properly use and dispose of a face covering so that it is effective at protecting yourself and others from COVID-19. To access this resource in English and Spanish visit [here](#).

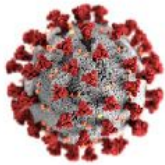
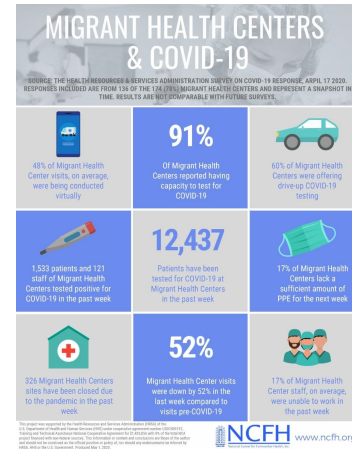
NEW FactSheet & Infographic

Ag Workers & COVID-19 Fact Sheet

The National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) has produced a new fact sheet on the effects of COVID-19 in rural areas and on agricultural workers. This fact sheet will be updated every week, so check back for news and updates as we track the impact of this pandemic on America's farms. [Click here to view here.](#)

HRSA Survey on COVID-19 Response

HRSA has begun conducting biweekly surveys with Community Health Centers to track their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey responses provide information about PPE needs, clinic site closures, COVID-19 testing, and other factors. See [NCFH's infographic](#) describing the results of the most recently available survey data for Migrant Health Centers.



The COVID-19 Pandemic Information and Resources

We at the Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN) have a dual priority to support clinicians and the vulnerable patients that they serve. MCN is presently developing strategies and resources to support clinicians as they reach out to communities that are often overlooked and give care to patients who might otherwise have nowhere to go. We remain highly concerned for the vulnerable populations that already encounter numerous barriers to health and to care.

Recommendations are changing every day. As new data is gathered and research is carried out, our understanding of COVID-19, how it works, and how it spreads is refined. Necessarily, our recommendations must adjust. Please continue to review recommendations from the CDC and adjust strategies accordingly.

Always presume that the virus is present. Our understanding of its spread remains limited. Asymptomatic individuals may be unwittingly spreading the virus. In the absence of extensive testing and given our early understanding of the disease, take full precautions as if COVID-19 is present.

To access resources including archived webinars, please click [here](#).

Policy Update

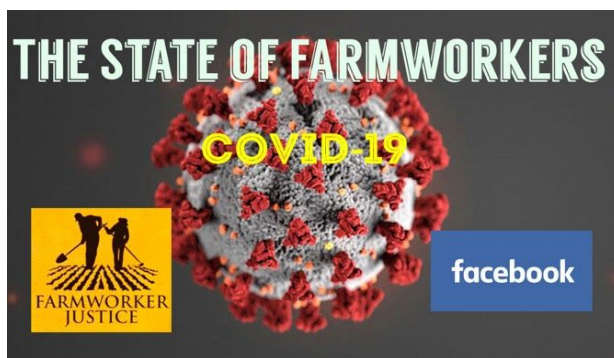
HEROES ACT

On May 15, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the [HEROES \(Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions\) Act](#). The HEROES Act provides funds at the state and local levels for essential services and creates a fund to pay essential workers hazard pay. In conjunction with those measures, the HEROES Act creates a fund to expand COVID-19 testing across the United States. The bill also includes additional worker protections including the expansion of emergency sick and family leave to all employers and the development of an emergency temporary standard by the Department of Labor. Other provisions of the bill include: additional stimulus payments, an extension of unemployment benefits through the beginning of 2021, increases in both housing assistance and SNAP benefits, and support for agriculture. It will likely be a few weeks until the Senate considers and votes on the bill.

Recent Events

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Webinars for Community Health Centers

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) hosts regular webinars to keep health centers up-to-date on the latest information regarding COVID-19. To see their full list of events and/or view past recordings and materials, please click [here](#). NACHC also has a designated [COVID-19 resource page](#) full of information and resources Community Health Centers can use to strengthen readiness efforts and educate their communities.



The State of Farmworkers in the COVID-19 Era

Farmworker Justice recently held a four-week Facebook Interview series addressing the State of Farmworkers in the COVID-19 Era. To view video interviews, please click [here](#).

The **FHN** is committed to continuously serving our constituents, health providers, and patients across the country. We stand with you in solidarity during this difficult time!



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